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SUBJECT: CODEL BYRD

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1. WE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME VISIT BY SENATOR BYRD TO LONDON. HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH LEADERS WOULD BE ENORMOUSLY HELPFUL IN PROJECTING US INTEREST IN EUROPE AND IN THE US COMMITMENT TO NATO.

2. WE WOULD PROPOSE APPOINTMENTS WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND OPPOSITION LEADER MARGARET THATCHER, AS WELL AS FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN AND DEFENSE MINISTER MULLEY.

3. THE EARLY JULY DATES SUGGESTED ARE FEASIBLE FOR LONDON, BUT WE URGE SENATOR BYRD ARRIVE AS EARLY AS
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POSSIBLE ON FRIDAY, JULY 7, IN ORDER TO COMPLETE MEETINGS WITH BRITISH LEADERS THAT DAY. MOST MINISTERS AND MANY BRITISH OFFICIALS WILL BE UNAVAILABLE ON JULY 8 AND 9 AS A RESULT OF LONG-STANDING WEEKEND COMMITMENTS.

4. AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO HOST A SMALL DINNER AT

RESIDENCE IN HONOR OF SENATOR BYRD ON FRIDAY EVENING,
JULY 7. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE SENATOR BYRD AND
HIS PARTY TO AN INFORMAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC GIVEN
BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LONDON ON SATURDAY EVENING,
JULY 8, ON THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS.

5. IN ORDER TO ALLOW US TO ARRANGE SCHEDULE WITH
SENIOR UK OFFICIALS AND TO RESERVE HOTEL ROOMS, WOULD
APPRECIATE INFO SOONEST ON TRAVEL PLANS.

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